



## Iowa Status

uncommon; native

## Iowa Range

statewide except Lyon, Osceola, O'Brien, Plymouth, Woodbury, and Monona Counties

## Bibliography

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## suckermouth minnow

*Phenacobius mirabilis*

Kingdom:	Animalia
Division/Phylum:	Chordata - vertebrates
Class:	Osteichthyes
Family:	Cypriniformes
Order:	Cyprinidae

## Features

The suckermouth minnow has an olive green back, dusky silver sides, and a silvery white belly. The lower lip is distinctive with thick fleshy projections on each side and the upper jaw is separated from the snout by a pronounced groove. The snout hangs over the mouth. Adults grow to four or five inches long.

## Natural History

The suckermouth minnow lives in clean riffles and runs of large creeks and small rivers, where the bottom is composed of sand, gravel, or bedrock. It roots in the bottom substrate for aquatic insects. It spawns in May and June.

## Habitats

interior rivers and streams